

## William F. Jones Papers

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### Biographical Note:

William F. Jones was born March 20, 1813 in Dutchess County, New York. He married Sarah A. Steele in 1835 and they had eight children. He moved to Indiana in 1842 and settled in Delaware County in 1852. He worked as a carpenter's apprentice, sailor, farmer, merchant, contractor and was director of the Fort Wayne and Southern Railroad where he aided in the establishment of the Lafayette, Muncie and Bloomington Railroad.

He served in the Indiana State House of Representatives in 1846-1847. He was the Hartford City, Blackford County school commissioner and the Delaware County school trustee, 1854-64. He was the secretary of the Muncie town board in 1855, a Muncie city council member in 1873, and mayor of Muncie 1877-1879. He was a member of the Delaware County Agricultural Society, Washingtonian (temperance) Society, and directory of the Muncie city library. William F. Jones died October 27, 1890 in Muncie, Indiana.

#### *Source:*

Rebecca A. Shepherd ... [et al.], eds. A Biographical directory of the Indiana General Assembly v. 1. Indianapolis: Select Committee on the Centennial History of the Indiana.

### Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains personal and business papers and correspondence of William F. Jones. The correspondence regards Jones's land and business interest in Blackford and Delaware County and his work on the Fort Wayne and Southern Railroad. There is also information regarding state and national politics, receipts, and a girl's diary. Correspondents include Jones's family in Ohio, his daughter and son-in-law, Thomas Dowling, William H. English, Andrew J. Harlan, Austin W. Morris, William Rockhill, Oliver H. Smith, and Samuel Taggart.

Material is organized by type and date.

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## Box and Folder Listing:

### 1 Box.

#### Folder

1. Papers, 1827-1849
  2. Almanac, 1840
  3. Almanacs, 1848-1849
  4. Papers, 1850-1851
  5. Papers, 1852
  6. Papers, 1853-1856
  7. Correspondence, 1857-1863
  8. Correspondence, 1864-1869
  9. Correspondence, 1870
  10. Correspondence, 1871
  11. Papers, 1876-1889
  12. Newspaper clippings, 1878-1880
  13. Newspaper clippings, 1881-1890
  14. Papers, undated
  15. Diary, 1888-1889
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## Collection Information:

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